



Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: November 20th, 2019
Time: 7:15PM
Location: 1st floor conference room
Attendees: *Executive committee*: Christopher Tonkin (chair), Doug Greenfield, Jack Johnson, Muris Kobaslija, Doug Mayo-Wells, Adam MacNeill
Arlington Police Department: Officer Bartholomew

Review/approval of October minutes

Correct attendance - Daniel Amstutz did not attend (but provided written notes to be entered into record)

- Motion to approve as amended
- Carries, no opposition

Report from COBWEB officer

Police reports: ABAC is requesting the COBWEB officers bring reports of bike-related accidents from the previous months

3 bike accidents; 1 likely caused by cyclist, 1 likely caused by motorist

Corey Rateau is appropriate backup point of contact CRateau@town.arlington.ma.us

TAC (Transport Advisory Committee) report

Broadway meeting - looking at Broadway corridor(between Rawson/Foster and Route 16)

Representation from East Arlington Livable Streets, Walking in Arlington, etc.

Not just transportation, looking at usage of buildings; unused grass patches

Rt. 16 intersection is jurisdictional challenge: Arlington, DCR, Somerville all involved

Considering bike lane, dedicated turn lane at 16

Also considering remediation for "Y" junction at River St./Warren St.

Policy around reporting bike lanes being blocked by parked cars/trucks

APD:

Trucks for commercial purposes - actively loading and unloading - not much can be done

Passenger cars parked improperly or with hazard lights - report to non emergency line

781 316 3923 - dispatch* always monitored

(front desk not always be staffed but will roll over: 781 316 3921)

If they are gone by the time apd sends car?

Can include licence plate, could become a traffic complaint, identify repeat offenders

Website run from Chicago of people posting pictures to shame/create social pressure - many from MA

bikelaneuprising.com

Bus/bike lane

Some kinks when it started around Boulevard Rd., but sorted out now -

temporary signs go up in the morning, otherwise traffic from Boulevard turning on to Mass Ave. could gridlock

Will now longer be priority detail for APD after next week

Arlington High School rebuild

Nothing new to report

Sustainable transportation plan subcommittee

Nothing new to report, no meetings held since kickoff

Bikeway signage/Application for CPA funds to study bikeway

Will follow up with Daniel Amstutz, signage could work in Tandem w/CPA?

At Trader Joe's paint on roadway is fading fast - maybe revisit in March?

Also Mass Ave eastbound around fire station

-- motion to endorse letter of support

-- passes, none opposed

Warrant Article for the removal or changing of the Bikeway hours

Curfew exists but is not generally enforced 9pm - 5am

Bikeway is not a "linear park"

Originally wanted to be able to stop people for trespass

Arlington is only bikeway community with this restriction

Will coordinate with Capt Curran on current APD position

And contact Peggy or Kevin (new committee chair) in Lexington

Can be a warrant that goes to Town Meeting

Section 10 bylaw, so Town Meeting needs to approve change

Adam MacNeill will keep researching

Bike share update, end of an era? MAPC study

Lots of interesting info in MAPC study from Lime
end of dockless?

maybe not enough bikes, maybe not enough population density to sustain

Funding for blue bikes is going to Town Meeting

Considering docks at Broadway, Lake street, Arlington Center - would be great for the east, (the part that's easiest to bike, so may leave western/heights underserved)

Bluebikes is looking into smaller "light docks", and ebikes (but nothing immediate)

Arlington bike-parking guide any updates?

Nothing new to report

Partnering with Arlington Community Education for a talk (Dr. Finison)

Decision time frames are tricky, need to respond without opportunity to assess the books

-- motion to support ACE promoting cycling in the community

-- passes none opposed

Doug Greenfield's interactive map. Comments and discussion.

MAPC could provide most-traveled routes from Lime

data may need to be filtered/cleaned (bad GPS data? cyclists shown in water, etc.)

Does map have contours? Will investigate

Include crash data? possible - doesn't encourage cycling - could flag caution areas

Possible to have public version, additional data available with login

Where to host - town website?

Bike parking - may change too frequently to keep up to date

Hoping to keep this map simple, useful, rather than overwhelming number of features

ABAC Strategic Planning Retreat continuation

Feb/March weekend?

Opportunities to take more active role in infrastructure

e.g., scope of AHS rebuild stops at the Mass Ave curb -

what could ABAC recommend to complement that project

Christopher will talk to Daniel about room, send poll for availability

Safety video.

potential topics lights (and light dimming/aiming courtesy)

safety practices for walking at night

winterizing bikes

Annual Winter Social: venue and topic.

Happy with Kickstand

ABAC-centric program - what are we doing/trying to do - maybe Daniel as a speaker?

Maybe multiple speakers to grow audience a bit?

Any other business.

Emails from Terry, 200-300 person bikeway ride, what permits are needed?

Guidelines for group rides exist, may not have been enforced

Parade permit required?

Social media: Facebook reports, discussion of accidents

bicycling.com article "actual reasons cyclists are dying" - larger cars, smartphones, more people biking + driving, vision zero stalling out

Bedford Friends of Depot Park - Jack attended annual meeting, mainly train enthusiasts, lunch + slides in train car -

Next ABAC meeting: December 18th.

Next Years' meetings:

January 15; February 19; March 18; April 15; May 20; June 17; July 15; August 19; September 16; October 21; November 18; December 16

Motion to adjourn

Adjourned